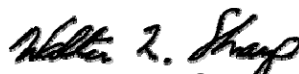




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### Key Resolve/Foal Eagle (KR/FE) '09 Safety Message

1. We are about to embark on the Key Resolve/Foal Eagle (KR/FE) Exercise, which serves as our first major training exercise of the year. Like our combined exercises in the past, KR/FE will provide an excellent opportunity to improve ROK/U.S. combat readiness and joint/combined interoperability. While striving for maximum training benefit, commanders must ensure that safety, command discipline, and common sense is at the front in all situations.
2. The safety of personnel and safeguarding of equipment are vital to the success of our training efforts. Taking place at the end of winter season, KR/FE still presents high risk for lingering cold-weather and other adverse weather effects. Fatigue from strenuous battle rhythms, overconfidence, and alcohol abuse (alcohol consumption is prohibited for exercise participants during the conduct of the exercise) often lead to poor decisions that can result in accidents involving our Service Members and Korean citizens - to the detriment of our Alliance. Do not let this happen in your unit! A single safety accident is one too many. Read my safety guidance in [USFK Command Policy Letter #2, Command Safety](#) and in the [USFK Winter Safety Campaign](#). To prevent alcohol related incidents, Component Commanders will ensure participants observe [USFK Command Policy Letter #45, Alcohol Consumption](#) during JCS-Directed and other USFK Level Exercises.
3. KR/FE 09 is key to our readiness and effective deterrence. I am totally committed to achieving the training objectives of KR/FE 09, and I am equally insistent that we execute the training safely. Take pride in our mission, and let's make sure every Service Member makes it back to their home station safely.
4. We Go Together!

  
WALTER L. SHARP  
General, US Army  
Commander

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